

new dormitory areas, lodges as they are referred to, at the CIA. This is another practical application that allows us to create a sustainable future, one that is working in a benign fashion with the environment and utilizing the resources of our air, our water, and our soil to respond to our energy needs.

This is the boldness of vision that has been imparted by President Obama and his administration. It is the boldness of vision embraced by Speaker PELOSI in the House, and other leaders; our Energy and Commerce Chair, HENRY WAXMAN; and BARTON GORDON of Science and Technology, to name just a few. But as we go forward, we will continue to advance this progressive order of policies and the resources required to advance the development that we require.

I think it is important for us as a society to invest well beyond the prototype. The prototype is the idea that comes to life in the research labs across the country, but that is not where we should end with the story. We need to deploy that magic into the manufacturing and commercial sectors so we can take full advantage of the earlier investments into prototypes.

Just this week I was able, Mr. Speaker, to travel to the GE Research and Development Center in my district. They announced their plans for new battery technology, battery technology that will enable us to add to the diversity of battery types of the future. There are efforts within the stimulus package advanced by the White House and approved by the House and the Senate on the Hill that was recently signed into law as the Recovery Act for America that will invest billions of dollars into cutting-edge thinking in battery application. It was at GE that they announced this formulation of a sodium chloride and nickel mix that allows for us to deal with heavy-duty equipment, the more stressful vehicular applications. It also holds promise for energy generation and energy storage, very key and critical to the intermittent nature of several of our renewable sources.

So with all of that being said, there are samplings out there that today are speaking to the progress that can be made. And it is that source of job creation that is inspired by the efforts made by researchers and engineers and inventors and innovators that then allow for trade application in the practical applications as we retrofit our schools, our businesses, and our homes in a way that allows us to meet our energy needs.

So with all of that, I call upon this House to continue to move forward and advance the agenda of green energy policy that will transform our economy, strengthen our job market, and allow for us to have a stronger sense of energy security and national security.

I thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the opportunity to share my thoughts.

CLEAN ENERGY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Hampshire (Mr. HODES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HODES. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague, Mr. TONKO, and I join him in voicing my support for President Obama's plan to limit dangerous carbon emissions, put us on a path to energy security, and create millions of American clean energy jobs. Right now Americans realize that our American energy policy is not working. The last administration gave billions of dollars in tax subsidies to oil companies despite the fact that they were earning record profits, and despite their willingness to gouge the American people.

We clearly need a new energy policy that invests in renewable energy that will be cheaper for American families and will be homegrown, American energy that will create jobs and lead the world in a 21st century energy economy.

Right now we are facing the most severe economic crisis in a generation, the most severe economic crisis since the Great Depression; and at the same time, our scientists are clearly telling us that our inaction is threatening the planet.

Fortunately, by Congress taking one single action and passing what will come to the floor as climate legislation, we will take a giant leap towards mending both of our problems. The President has laid out an ambitious agenda, recognizing that as Americans we can do great things when we come together and work together for the common good. The President has presented us with a clean energy jobs plan that will: create new, 21st century American jobs throughout the product-supply chain; protect existing jobs; reduce our dependence on foreign oil; save money on energy costs for American taxpayers in the long run; reduce carbon pollution, and, with it, combat the dangerous effects of climate change.

By forcing those who have long polluted our air and water for free to finally pay for their carbon pollution, we will begin to shift away from our dependence on dirty, outdated, obsolete energy technology.

Instead, we will provide incentives for American business. We are going to unleash the American entrepreneurial spirit and create clean energy jobs. We will lead the world in technology and manufacturing that will drive a new, much more prosperous energy economy.

Think of the cost savings. This plan to shift American energy production to domestic alternative sources like solar and wind and biomass, which means wood in New Hampshire where I come from, will be cheaper and cleaner and will save Americans billions of dollars in the long run.

By forcing our Nation to tackle climate change and develop new energy,

the plan will create millions of new jobs and whole new industries here in the United States, employing everyone from construction workers to secretaries to salespeople to engineers. It will open new markets for us. Just imagine what it is like if we can become the world leaders in renewable and alternative energy. Think of the products and services we can sell around the globe and the goodwill we will get.

Inaction is no longer an option. Doing nothing about climate change will cost exponentially more than the President's plan. One respected study on this says that inaction could end up costing between 5 and 20 percent of the total world GDP. We must act.

Now, my friends on the other side of the aisle are either scared of change, pessimistic about the American entrepreneurial spirit, or are denying the scientific consensus because they rely on campaign funds from oil and coal interests. The truth remains, we must act.

President Obama's plan provides the support and incentives needed to help the American can-do spirit of innovation and creativity to build the new clean technologies of the future.

Just as we led the world in developing the automobile and the computer, we will once again lead the world in developing new, cheaper, cleaner technologies to lead the world for the 21st century. In addition, we will provide lower-income Americans with a clean energy tax credit to assist them in this transition to a prosperous new clean energy economy.

I have proposed we have a commission to make sure that Congress knows the impact on small businesses and low- and moderate-income folks of the climate change legislation that we are going to pass.

We are already feeling the effects around this country of a changing climate. We ignored the warnings of the experts of the risks for far too long. We have learned the dangers, and the costs are mounting to clean up the mess after the crisis has hit. We need to act as good stewards of the Earth. The American people are trusting us to act to protect our children and our grandchildren and to be stewards of the public trust. We need to remember that there will be tremendous unsustainable economic costs of dealing with the impacts of climate change once they have occurred because Mother Nature doesn't do bailouts.

So let me conclude by rejecting the charge of those who would defend the polluters and put our kids at risk. They are simply wrong. President Obama's clean energy plan is the opposite of a tax increase. It is regulating polluters to protect our country, protect our environment, create jobs, invest in American business, and save American families money via a direct tax credit and increased energy efficiency.

It is time to act. Congress will have the legislation before us. We will create a new economy for the 21st century. We will create jobs. We will protect this country.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
Washington, DC, May 12, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on May 12, 2009, at 9:33 a.m.:

Appointments: United States-Russia Interparliamentary Group. Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. HIMES (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on account of attending a funeral.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KLEIN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SESTAK, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. LUMMIS) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. POE of Texas, for 5 minutes, May 20.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, May 20.

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, May 14 and 15.

Mr. POSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. LUMMIS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCHENRY, for 5 minutes, today, May 14, 15, 18, 19 and 20.

(The following Member (at his request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. HODES, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. HODES. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 42 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 14, 2009, at 10 a.m.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for speaker-authorized official travel during the first quarter and second quarter of 2009 pursuant to Public Law 95-384 are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO MEXICO, PANAMA, COLOMBIA, AND BRAZIL, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN APR. 3 AND APR. 11, 2009

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Steny Hoyer	4/3	4/5	Mexico		1,063.00		(³)				1,063.00
Hon. Roy Blunt	4/3	4/5	Mexico		1,063.00		(³)				1,063.00
Hon. Norman Dicks	4/3	4/5	Mexico		1,063.00		(³)				1,063.00
Hon. Lucille Roybal-Allard	4/3	4/5	Mexico		1,063.00		(³)				1,063.00
Hon. Elijah Cummings	4/3	4/5	Mexico		1,063.00		(³)				1,063.00
Hon. Gregory Meeks	4/3	4/5	Mexico		1,063.00		(³)				1,063.00
Hon. Debbie Wasserman Schultz	4/3	4/5	Mexico		1,063.00		(³)				1,063.00
Hon. Adrian Smith	4/3	4/5	Mexico		1,063.00		(³)				1,063.00
Hon. Gerald Connolly	4/3	4/5	Mexico		1,063.00		(³)				1,063.00
Hon. Aaron Schock	4/3	4/5	Mexico		1,063.00		(³)				1,063.00
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Brian Diffell	4/3	4/5	Mexico		1,063.00		(³)				1,063.00
Hon. Steny Hoyer	4/5	4/6	Panama		312.00		(³)				312.00
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Hon. Steny Hoyer	4/6	4/8	Colombia		625.00		(³)				625.00
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Hon. Steny Hoyer	4/8	4/10	Brazil		1,232.00		(³)				1,232.00
Hon. Norman Dicks	4/8	4/10	Brazil		1,232.00		(³)				1,232.00
Hon. Lucille Roybal-Allard	4/8	4/10	Brazil		1,232.00		(³)				1,232.00
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